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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

### THE AWAKENING OF THE ORIENT.

It is not improbable that the death of the dowager empress of China, Hsi An, is the first step toward the awakening of China which all nations have been looking forward to, and partially fearing, since Japan within the past fifty years has given all mankind a striking example of what the oriental may accomplish when once awakened to the advantages of modern civilization. The death of the emperor of China makes not the least particle of difference. At most he was but a figurehead, weak of body, weak of intellect, without determination or power, a nonentity. For the past half century the real ruler of the Chinese empire has been Hsi An, the mother of the late emperor. Herself broken away from the tradition that the Chinese woman must have no knowledge of the outside world, nor have a voice in even household councils, much less affairs of state, she has been crafty enough to realize that the only way to maintain her power was to perpetuate in China the regime of ignorance and superstition which has maintained there for centuries untold. In this policy she has been successful—in a way perhaps the most successful ruler of modern times, for in point of population she was at the head of the greatest nation of the world.

Chinese statesmen are not ignorant of the world's events. She has a staff of trained diplomats who have advantages of the best schools of America, Europe and Asia, and the high caste Chinese is above all things, a student. The educated Chinaman has been for many years cognizant of the advantages of modern education in all the walks of life in which it is applicable, and knowing it, he has been wanting it. Hsi An, however, has for fifty years held the supreme power of life and death throughout the empire, and the educated Chinese, valuing life and position, has either outwardly bowed to her policy of the promulgation of superstition, or has emigrated to Europe or America.

Now, however, Hsi An is reported dead—but not for the first time. Should her death prove a fact, it is not unlikely that the progressive element will more or less gradually, but surely, gain control of the functions of government, and then the world will be given another object lesson in national civilization and advancement. The Chinaman is a scholar who can digest all the learnings of the new world. He is an artisan, for some of the most intricate, delicate and painstaking handiwork of the world in domestic and art wares comes from China. Once initiated into the intricacies of steam, electricity, magnetism, chemistry, and all their allied forces, China will become one of the greatest producing nations of the world, for the Chinaman is not only industrious, but the most frugal people the worlds knows today. We believe that what Japan has done China can do and surpass, save, perhaps, in warfare. The Chinese are not the combative people that are the Japanese. And yet the Chinaman, while patient and long-suffering, never forgets. China has suffered many wrong of Japan, and it is highly probable that instead of the Japanese-Chinese alliance which alarmists have prophesied will sweep the world with a yellow flood, China will some day overflow and engulf the island of Japan and its people and remove the cocky little empire from future international consideration.

The awakening of China is at hand—but not to be feared from physical reasons. It is the commercial world, and not the political world, which has to look to its armament when China emerges from its chrysalis.

### THEY ARE PREMATURE.

The Commercial club of Fallon is doing a great deal of letter writing to the press and other interests of the state, asking that a fight be started and maintained, to the end that Hazen, Nevada, be made the terminal rate point in this state in case terminal rates are granted for the state of Nevada. As heretofore stated in the Bonanza, we believe that any fight of this kind is premature and at this time, ill-advised. A contest of this kind between communities can not but engender more or less ill feeling on all sides concerned, with the resultant effect that the main subject, the terminal rate for the state, itself, will receive less united effort than if it were the only subject for disposal. The main thing is to secure the terminal rate for SOME CENTRAL POINT IN NEVADA. The Southern Pacific does not want to grant this rate, and will devote all its energies toward defeating the efforts of the people of the state to secure such a rate. At present the Harriman combine has too rich a thing in that haul to Sacramento and back, at local rates, on shipments to Nevada from the east, and which haul, as has been heretofore pointed out by the Bonanza, is never made. The Bonanza believes that should some interest which is known to have money behind it bring suit against the Southern Pacific for the refund of the charges made for an alleged haul of a freight consignment from some eastern point to some point in this state, from Reno to Sacramento and return, on the charge of securing money under false pretenses, the same could be made to stick. Every right thinking man can readily see that the charge is morally, if not legally fraudulent.

The railroad machine is just as active in this state as it is in California, for it has big interests at stake here. Time was when the railroad considered that alternate section grant in the nature of a joke, in so far as much of the grant through the state of Nevada was concerned, but now that it has been shown that Nevada is the most richly mineralized state in the union, it is striving desperately to hold on to the mineral lands which are within the forty-mile zone, even though the government grant pertained only to agricultural lands. The carefully laid plans of the railroads of the state to have the state railroad commission set aside at the next session of the legislature in itself shows that the railroads are really all under one head—and that head is furnished by the Southern Pacific company. The roads have some big stake in view. And for the very reason that there are many causes why the attention of the interstate commerce commission should be diverted to railroad conditions in this state, no community should but into the fight with a little sectional preferment plan. Let's get the terminal rates first, and then settle on just what town shall be given the rates. The community which starts a sectional fight in this matter discloses its absolute lack of interest in the welfare of the balance of the state, and merely wants to feather its own nest.

### MAKING A NEWSPAPER.

The country newspaper is peculiarly dependent upon its friends for the fullness of its news service. Aside from its editorial and

advertising columns, the newspaper is but a compilation of local gossip and events, each day's bulk of which is placed before the subscribers to this news gathering bureau—which is what a daily really is. The reporters of a paper can not be every where at once. Much of their news is derived from personal friends who tell them that "So and so has purchased a new home," or that "Mr. Blank is ill and that Mr. Bings is going to sue Mr. Bangs for breach of contract." Many people are approached by a reporter during the day and tell him that they "don't know a thing," and the next morning they pick up a paper and read of this or that happening, and exclaim: "Great guns, but those newspaper folks are slow. I knew about that a week ago!"

So if you know a bit of gossip or news which is worth retelling to your neighbor, or some one you may meet on the street, it is equally worth while telling to the newspaper man. He is to be the judge of its news value, and often a seemingly insignificant hint means an eventual big article of news to the whole community. The Bonanza bespeaks this support on the part of its readers. It is not only showing friendship to the paper, but it is giving the public an opportunity to read what YOU KNOW, OR HAVE DONE. Does a miner friend come to town and tell you of a strike he has made, or of developments in some new district, call us up and tell us about it, or send your miner friend to us. It all helps, and for every bit of help you thus extend, you will get an improved paper.

## TO HAVE NOTABLE FLORAL DISPLAY

We desire to call your attention to the advertisements of Rotholz Brothers in the Bonanza these days. They have in a huge stock of holiday goods which they have bought at the right prices, and which they are going to sell in the same manner, and the public will do well to watch for their special bargain days. Today they are calling your attention to their floral department. The roses and chrysanthemums they now have on display are as fine as can be found the world over, and on Wednesday they will receive the largest shipment of flowers ever received in this city, especially for the Thanksgiving trade. And the prices will be special, too. Everybody can afford to have flowers on their tables.

## SURPRISE PARTY ON FRIDAY NIGHT

A surprise party was given to Miss Myrtle Davey by Misses Inza Critchfield and Alice Johnson at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Rogers, Friday evening. The merry party had a most enjoyable evening, music, dancing and refreshments being feature of the evening's fun. Those present were:

Myrtle Davey, Inza Critchfield, Clara Boggs, Alice Johnson, Mabel Simpson, Evelyn Collins, Alice Hallihan, Nellie Johnson, Ana Critchfield, Mabel Boggs, Agnes Dorghety, Marguerite Hallihan, Irene Critchfield, Matthew Hallihan, Arthur Boggs, Roscoe Howeth, Bob Van Patten, John Dorghety, James Murphy, Austin Wardle, Francis Fowler, Hilmar Neilson, Arlin Neilson, Roy

Simpson, Johnson, Critchfield, Rogers, and Messrs. Critchfield and Hoskin.

Mizpah hotel grill. Try our Sunday dinner.

### SHRINERS' GOAT BREAKS

**SHALLENBERGER'S LEG**  
LINCOLN, Nov. 21.—Governor-elect A. C. Shallenberg is confined to his room at the Lincoln hotel and is suffering from a fractured leg. He was injured while being initiated as a member of the Shriners last night. He will return to his home at Alma tomorrow.

**Mrs. S. Bert Cohen**  
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### RIVER DROPS EIGHT FEET

**WITHIN TWELVE HOURS**  
BELLINGHAM (Wash.), Nov. 21. Reports from Skaggit river points show that the stream dropped eight feet between midnight and noon today and that all danger of flood is over. Ranchers are commencing to move back into their abandoned homes. Roads, fences and small barn buildings have disappeared in many places.

### 200 MINERS ESCAPE

**DESPITE CAGE'S FALL**  
EDWARDSVILLE (Ill.), Nov. 21.—Two loaded cages in the Kearns Donald coal mine, nine miles south of Edwardsville, collapsed at 4 o'clock this afternoon, carrying with them to the bottom of the shaft the entire hoisting apparatus and top works. Two hundred men were in the mine at the time of the accident, but all escaped injury and made their way out through the air shaft.

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